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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby direct the Examiner's attention to the following documents:

- (1) DE 199 58 458 A1, June 21, 2001; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0007] of the present application;
- (2) U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2001/0009831 A1 (SCHINK et al.), July 26, 2001; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (1);
- (3) EP 1 116 698 A1, July 18, 2001; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0007] of the present application;
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,593,260 B2 (NOMURA), July 15, 2003; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (3);
- (5) EP 1 116 700 A1, July 18, 2001; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0007] of the present application;

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- (6) U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2001/0006987 A1 (NOMURA), July 5, 2001; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (5);
- (7) EP 1 159 972 A2, December 5, 2001; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0008] of the present application;
- (8) U.S. Patent No. 6,592,888 B1 (JENSEN et al.), July 15, 2003; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (7);
- (9) WO 00/09173 A1, February 24, 2000; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0009] of the present application;
- (10) U.S. Patent No. 6,468,521 B1 (PEDERSEN et al.), October 22, 2002; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (9);
- (11) U.S. Patent No. 5,681,575 (BURRELL et al.), October 28, 1997; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0009] of the present application;
- (12) WO 02/062403 A1, August 15, 2002; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraphs [0009] and [0010] of the present application;
- (13) WO 02/078755 A2, October 10, 2002; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraphs [0009] and [0010] of the present application;
- (14) U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2002/0172709 A1 (NIELSEN et al.), November 21, 2002; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (13);
- (15) WO 97/43328, November 20, 1997; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0048] of the present application;
- (16) U.S. Patent No. 6,191,216 B1 (GANSTER et al.), February 20, 2001; Applicants note

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- (17) DE 31 03 499 A1, August 26, 1982, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cent); Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0049] of the present application;
- (18) DE 31 03 500 A1, August 26, 1982, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cent); Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0049] of the present application;
- (19) EP 0 147 588 A1, July 10, 1985; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0049] of the present application;
- (20) U.S. Patent No. 4,661,099 (von BITTERA et al.), April 28, 1987; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (19);
- (21) WO 94/07935 A1, April 14, 1994; Applicants note that this document is a family member EP 0 665 856 B1 which is cited and discussed in paragraphs [0049] and [0062] of the present application;
- (22) U.S. Patent No. 5,844,013 (KENNDOFF et al.), December 1, 1998; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (21);
- (23) DE 196 18 825 A1, November 13, 1997; Applicants note that this document is a family member of document (16) and is cited and discussed in paragraphs [0049] and [0052] of the present application;
- (24) DE 37 13 601 A1, November 10, 1988, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cent); Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0080] of the present application;

- (25) DE 27 43 979 C3, April 5, 1979; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0113] of the present application;
- (26) McMurry, L. M. et al., FEMS Microbiol Lett. 1998, 166(2), pp. 305-309; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0005] of the present application;
- (27) Cookson, B. D. et al., Lancet 1991, 337 (8756), pp. 1548-1549; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0005] of the present application;
- (28) Uhl, S., Lancet 1993, 342 (8865), p. 48; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0005] of the present application;
- (29) "Polyurethanes, Chemistry and Technology", Saunders-Frisch, Interscience Publishers, New York, Vol. 1, 1962, pp. 32-42; Applicants note that this document is cited and discussed in paragraph [0055] of the present application;
- (30) U.S. Patent No. 5,049,139 (GILCHRIST), September 17, 1991;
- (31) U.S. Patent No. 5,614,006 (ALGAR), March 25, 1997;
- (32) U.S. Patent No. 6,528,443 B1 (HEALY), March 4, 2003;
- (33) U.S. Patent No. 6,555,491 B1 (HEALY), April 29, 2003;
- (34) U.S. Patent No. 6,447,805 B1 (HEALY), September 10, 2002;
- (35) U.S. Patent No. 5,000,746 (MEISS), March 19, 1991;
- (36) U.S. Patent No. 6,428,800 B2 (GREENSPAN et al.), August 6, 2002;
- (37) U.S. Patent No. 6,482,444 B1 (BELLANTONE et al.), November 19, 2002;
- (38) U.S. Patent No. 6,482,427 B2 (YANG), November 19, 2002;
- (39) U.S. Patent No. 6,410,633 B1 (HIKATA et al.), June 25, 2002;
- (40) U.S. Patent No. 5,571,080 (JENSEN), November 5, 1996;

- (41) U.S. Patent No. 6,143,318 (GILCHRIST et al.), November 7, 2000;
- (42) JP 2000-191339 A, July 11, 2000, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cent);
- (43) JP 2000-327364 A, November 28, 2000, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cent);
- (44) JP 7-300339 A, November 14, 1995, accompanied by an English language abstract thereof (provided by esp@cent).

Furthermore, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following U.S. Patent Application which was filed on the same day as the above-referenced application:

(45) Serial No. 10/681,204 having the title "POLYMERIC COMPOSITE FOR USE IN WOUND MANAGEMENT PRODUCTS" (Applicants: Wolfgang MEYER-INGOLD et al.).

Copies of the above-listed documents (with the exception of U.S. patents and published U.S. patent applications) are enclosed together with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing these documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the next official communication.

Further to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's decision to waive the requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98 (a)(2)(I), copies of the U.S. patents and published U.S. patent

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Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned.

Applicants note that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant

application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However,

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Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0089 any fee

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If there should be any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned

at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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